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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN JAPAN

An 8.9-magnitude earthquake struck off the northeast coast of Japan on Friday, shaking office buildings in Tokyo and setting off a devastating tsunami that swept away cars and boats. Tokyo airports (Narita and Haneda) are currently closed and possibly damaged. Trains and subways are down in the Tokyo metropolitan region, and train service may be sporadic throughout the rest of the country. Okinawa and Sapporo report no damage from the earthquake. South Hokkaido has reported flooding along the shore. Aftershocks can be expected and may be severe. U.S. citizens should take basic earthquake safety precautions.

The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. embassy and consulates in Japan are working to obtain information on the status of U.S. citizens and to provide emergency assistance to U.S. citizens. At this time, we have no reports of U.S. citizens killed or injured in the earthquake.

Although telephone lines are disrupted, relatives may want to try contacting loved ones in Japan by e-mail, text (SMS) message, or other social media.

As additional information becomes available. The links below contain information to update you on the situation and to help you respond to inquiries from your constituents.

CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CITIZENS IN JAPAN

Online Information: Monitor travel.state.gov and the Embassy Tokyo websites for the latest updates.

Public Inquiries:

If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in Japan, please send us an e-mail at JapanEmergencyUSC@state.gov.

If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in the Tsunami zone outside of Japan, please send us an e-mail at PacificTsunamiUSC@state.gov.

E-mail inquiries are strongly preferred, but you may call the Department's emergency assistance center at **1-888-407-4747** (Calling from outside the U.S. + **1-202-501-4444**) if they are unable to use e-mail. Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

JAPANESE AND OTHER CITIZENS

If you are calling regarding a Japanese citizen, please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy (Washington - **202-238-6700**) or Consulate.

If you are calling regarding a citizen of a third country, please contact that country's Embassy or Consulate. Contact information for foreign Embassies and Consulates in the United States is available in the Country Specific Information links at www.travel.state.gov.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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